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In re Application of
Robert Juzwiak
Application No. 10/802,399
Filed: March 15, 2004
Attorney Docket No. TRM TR010036CON

: DECISION REFUSING STATUS
: UNDER 37 CFR 1.47(b)

This is in response to the petition filed November 19, 2004, improperly under 37 CFR 1.53(b), but properly treated under 37 CFR 1.47(b).

The petition is **DISMISSED**.

Rule 47 applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the mailing date of this decision to reply, correcting the below-noted deficiencies. Any reply should be entitled "Request for Reconsideration of Petition Under 37 CFR 1.47(b)," and should only address the deficiencies noted below, except that the reply may include an oath or declaration executed by the non-signing inventor. **FAILURE TO RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT OF THE APPLICATION.** Extensions of time may be obtained in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The above-identified application was filed on March 17, 2004 without an executed oath or declaration.

Accordingly, on June 4, 2004, a "Notice To File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application" was mailed, requiring an executed oath or declaration and a surcharge for the late filing of the oath or declaration.

In response, the present petition was filed, accompanied by the late filing surcharge and a four (4) month extension of time.

A grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.47(b) requires:

- (1) proof that the non-signing inventor cannot be reached or refuses to sign the oath or declaration after having been presented with the application papers (specification, claims and drawings);
- (2) an acceptable oath or declaration in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §§ 115 and 116;
- (3) the petition fee;

- (4) a statement of the last known address of the non-signing inventor;
- (5) proof of proprietary interest, and
- (6) proof of irreparable damage.

The petition lacks items (2) and (3).

As to item (2), a review of the file does not reveal that an oath or declaration has been submitted and therefore, an oath or declaration for the patent application in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 has not been presented. A declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, 1.64, and 1.67 must be presented, signed by all of the signing inventors, if any. If no inventor(s) will sign the declaration, the declaration may be signed on behalf of the inventor by an assignee. The oath or declaration must be signed by an officer of the corporation (president, vice president, secretary, or treasurer) on behalf of and as agent for the non-signing inventor(s). The officer must identify his/her title in the declaration, as well as his/her mailing address, residence, if the applicant lives at a different location from where he or she customarily receives mail, as well as the citizenship of individual signing on behalf of the non-signing inventor. If the oath or declaration is not signed by an officer of the corporation, then proof of authority of the person signing on behalf of the corporation must be submitted.¹

As to item (3), a credit card payment in the amount of \$2450.00 covered the filing fees, late filing surcharge and the extension of time fee but did not cover the petition fee. However, pursuant to the authorization in the petition, the petition fee in the amount of \$200.00 will be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

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¹MPEP 409.03 (b).